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BLOOMFIELD, N. J., SATURDAY

EXPERT'S ERROR.

A PRESENTATION.

LAYING THE CORNER-STONE

WRONGFULLY CHARGED
A SHORTAGE OF \$349.22.

Members of the First Church Show Their
Esteem for Mrs. Ballantine.

The congregation of the old First Church have for some time desired to make an acknowledgment of their pleasant obligation to Mrs. Ballantine, who for several years has been untiring in the service she has given in their choir, accepting no salary, but giving most generously of her strength and time.

The disbanding of the choir, which occurred this past week, gave the desired opportunity and the church people united in presenting to Mrs. Ballantine a large French clock in a chaste white onyx case, together with two rare, royal Worcester vases, standing some twenty-four inches high.

The presentation was made at the sociable last Monday evening, Mr. Lyon saying in behalf of the congregation that they did not make a return to the lady for the enjoyment and worship they had found in the sweet artistic music she had rendered, but offered this testimonial simply as a token for all time between them and Mrs. Ballantine; that they heartily appreciated her free-will offering. Mr. Ballantine made a pleasant response, and congratulations were in order.

The affair was an entire surprise to Mrs. Ballantine, and much enjoyed by all.

Appointed William Sigler in his Place.

The Montclair Township Committee have requested the resignation of Frank Crane, the Road Superintendent, and appointed William Sigler his successor. The alleged cause of the change was due to the superintendent announcing the completion of a certain piece of road and for which the contractors, Messrs. Schaefer & McDowell, were paid. The road was not completed, according to the story of several of the citizens, and for this reason Mr. Crane was removed.

The affair has caused no little talk in the town. It was rumored that there is a little politics in the matter, the Committee appointing Mr. Sigler, who is a Democrat, and that he use his influence with James Smith, Jr., the Democratic leader, and have the Board of Freeholders retain Mr. Owen as County Engineer. Mr. Owen, however, denies the story, and says he has nothing to do with it. What the outcome will be is back.

On the recommendation of the Road Committee the contract for furnishing broken stone was awarded to Shafer & McDowell at \$1.35 per gross ton. Mr. Rayner moved that the \$3,000 for roads in the Third Ward be expended as follows: Ridgewood Avenue \$1,500, Watsessing Avenue \$700, and Washington Avenue \$800.

Mr. Rudd moved to amend the motion making it \$2,000 on Ridgewood Avenue, \$700 on Watsessing Avenue, and the balance on Washington Avenue.

Mr. Rayner said that this would leave but \$300 for Washington Avenue. He would rather that Ridgewood Avenue should have \$2,300, as it would be almost useless to attempt to stone Washington Avenue with \$300. He thought it unjust to give Ridgewood Avenue two-thirds of the whole appropriation.

It was to recognize the petition received, Mr. Rudd said, asking for \$2,000. His idea was to finish one road, and not leave several unfinished.

Mr. Rudd's amendment was lost, and the original motion was adopted.

Mr. Rudd, Chairman of the Committee on Sewage, reported that he had had several interviews with the other Committees from Montclair and Orange, and that the first step was to go into the scheme on a percentage, as it was impossible to tell what the cost would be. The members of the Committee should sound their constituents, and see how the taxpayers felt in regard to it. He had been asked how the Bloomfield people felt of the subject, and he now asked the same question of the members of the Committee.

It was on motion decided to construct a stone gutter on Lincoln Street in front of C. E. Bader's, and to build and repave the gutters at the intersection of Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenues.

Glen Ridge and Bloomfield Avenues, and Bloomfield and Washington Avenues.

It was also ordered that the Auditing Committee procure all the necessary books for the Collector.

Mr. Rayner asked that the Road Committee give some attention to Linden Avenue.

A Sociable in Fairview.

A musical and literary sociable was held at the residence of Charles L. Seibert, the popular Town Committee-man, last Thursday evening. Among the artists who furnished the evening's programme were Mrs. Albion, Messrs. MacNeil, Dillon, Mohrman, Jansen, Untelid, and Miller. It was near midnight when the guests departed for home, and outsiders were well convinced of the fact that the Fairview people enjoy themselves.

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